

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A pair of tongs for opening ~~and/or~~ or closing of tins for e.g. ~~paints, chemicals and the like and~~ comprising two legs (4,5) ~~[[,]]~~ which are ~~pivoted~~ pivotable around an axis (6) and ~~said the~~ legs (4,5) ~~are provided with~~ having a front portion and gripping- and nipping means (7) in its the front portion, ~~characterized in that the one of the legs having a or~~ upper leg (4) in its free end (10) ~~is provided~~ with a protrudable tongue formation (8), which in its has an active position in which the tongue formation is displaceable inwards under the a folded edge (9) ~~[[,]]~~ which extends around a lid (3) for closing of a tin (2), ~~at the same time as the other leg having a free end,~~ at least one supporting formation (12) ~~in the other or lower legs' (5) at the~~ free end of the other leg, the supporting formation (11) extends upwards and ~~is passing~~ passes the tongue formation (8) and extends inwards over an outer, upper free edge (13) of a tin (2) in order to support against ~~said the upper free edge,~~ so that during a pressing together of the legs, (4,5) ~~said the~~ tongue formation (8) ~~is lifting~~ lifts upwards or separates the lid from the tin while (2) ~~during a simultaneously pressing of the supporting formation (12)~~ simultaneously presses against the upper edge (13) of the tin (2).

2. (Currently Amended) A pair of tongs according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the other ~~or lower leg (5)~~ leg comprises two of the supporting formations (12), which each supporting formation is located on each a respective side of ~~said the~~ tongue formation (8).

3. (Currently Amended) A pair of tongs according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that its one or upper leg (4)~~ wherein the tongue formation is displaceable inwardly and outwardly, the one leg comprises at least one hook formation (14), ~~which is~~ located below the inwards inwardly and outwards outwardly displaceable tongue formation, the at least one hook formation (8), which is able to be pressed against the an underside of an offset (15) extending around the upper edge (13) of the tin (2) ~~at the same time as , while~~ the supporting formation (12) of the other ~~or lower leg~~

(5) is able to be pressed against ~~said~~ the lid (3) from above and in a direction against its folded edge (9) during the pressing together of the legs (4,5) in order to close the tin (2) by ~~said~~ the lid (3).

4. (Currently Amended) A pair of tongs for opening and/or closing of tins ~~for e.g. paints, chemicals and the like~~ and comprising two legs (4,5)[[,]] which are ~~pivoted~~ pivotable around an axis (6) ~~and said , the legs having a front portion and (4,5) are provided with gripping-and nipping means (7) in its in the front portion, characterized in that its one or upper leg (4) of the legs has a tongue formation thereon which is displaceable inwards under and outwards from a folded edge which extends around a lid for closing of a tin; the one leg further comprises at least one hook formation (14), which is located below the inwards inwardly and outwards outwardly displaceable tongue formation (8), which , the hook formation is able to be pressed against the underside of an offset (15) extending around the an upper edge (13) of the tin (2) at the same time as the , the other leg has a supporting formation (12) of the other or lower leg (5) which is able to be pressed against said the lid (3) from above and in a direction against its the folded edge of the lid (9) during the pressing together of the legs (4,5) in order to close the tin (2) by said the lid (3).~~

5. (New) A pair of tongs for operating on the lid of a tin the tongs comprising two legs which are pivotable around an axis, the legs having a front portion and gripping-and nipping means in the front portion;

one of the legs has a tongue formation thereon which is displaceable inwards under and outwards from a folded edge which extends around a lid for closing of a tin; the one leg further comprises at least one hook formation located below the inwardly and outwardly displaceable tongue formation, the other leg has a supporting formation; the at least one hook formation of the one leg is able to be pressed against an underside of an offset extending around an upper edge of the tin while the supporting formation of the other leg is able to be pressed against the lid from above and in a direction against the folded edge of the lid during the pressing together of the legs in order to close the tin by the lid.

6. (New) A pair of tongs according to claim 1, wherein the one leg is an upper leg and the other leg is a lower leg below the upper leg.

7. (New) A pair of tongs according to claim 3, comprising two legs, which are pivotable around an axis and the legs having a front portion, gripping-and nipping means in the front portion.